REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

I Status of the Claims

Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13-24 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13-24 have been rejected by the Examiner.

Claims 6 and 13 have been amended with no new matter added.

II. Amendments to the Specification

The Specification has been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

III Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner contends that the phrase "photosensitive body stretched with a tension of 50 N/cm per unit width of the photosensitive body" is not clear. The Examiner has also rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Examiner contends that the originally filed specification does not provide an adequate written description of the tension recited in the instant claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections and submit that the present claims are definite and the Specification provides an adequate written description. The claims have been

Application No.: 10/076,049

amended to recite a photosensitive body "that is stretched over the rollers with a tension of 50 N applied across the width of the photosensitive body." This amendment clarifies that the body is stretched over the rollers with a tension of 50 N. The Specification has also been amended to clarify the tension of the present invention.

One of ordinary skill in the art would understand "50 N/cm or greater per unit length of the width of the photosensitive body" as originally written in the Specification to merely represent a force of 50 N acting in tension. Tension is defined as "the act or action of stretching or the condition or degree of being stretched to stiffness," by a defined force. See, Webster's Third New International Dictionary, 1993. Even though as originally written the Specification and claims states the tension in units of N/cm, one of ordinary skill in the art would have understood the disclosure to merely define the tension force expressed in Newtons (N) per a metric width, expressed in centimeters (cm), i.e. "a tension of 50 N [per] cm or greater per unit length of the width of the photosensitive body." Furthermore, as originally written, "per unit length of the width" is superfluous, the Specification and claims have been amended to clarify the tension of the present invention. The amendments to the Specification and claims do not present new matter.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejection to the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13-24 are in condition for allowance and is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed.

Application No.: 10/076,049

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth T. Bernard

Reg. No. 51,465

Attorney for Applicants

DARBY & DARBY, P.C. Post Ofice Box 5257 New York, N.Y. 10150-5257 Phone (212) 527-7700